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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: US POSITION ON PROPOSAL FOR GOVT OF NATIONAL
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1. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA OCT 3, CHONA RECALLED ZAMBIAN POLICY IN FAVOR OF
CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA AND
ASKED WHAT USG POSITION WAS ON SUBJECT.

2. SAID ZAMBIA HAD MADE SPECIAL EFFORT IN SENDING MESSAGES
TO SOVIET UNION TO SUPPORT AND FAVOR SUCH A GOVT AS MEANS OF
COMPOSING DIFFERENCES AMONG WARRING FACTIONS. I SAID WE
AWARE SOVIETS MAY BELIEVE UDI NOT RPT NOT POLITICALLY
EXPEDIENT AND MAY HAVE SO ADVISED MPLA. CHONA SAID
ZAMBIA STILL AWAITING CONFIRMATION FROM SOVIETS ON
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POSITION THEY WILL TAKE ON CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT OF

NATIONAL UNITY.

3. I RECALLED USG POLICY STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL ELEMENTS OF POPULATION OF ANGOLA, WHICH I PERSONALLY CONSIDERED NOT RPT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, EVEN THOUGH USG HAD NOT USED THAT PARTICULAR TERMINOLOGY. IN FINAL ANALYSIS I THOUGHT IT WAS A QUESTION OF WHAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA WANTED, AND PRESUMABLY WE WOULD GO ALONG WITH THEIR DECISION HOWEVER THEY EXPRESSED IT.

4. CHONA SAID ZAMBIA HOPEFUL BOTH USG AND SOVIET UNION COULD GIVE ASSURANCES OF NO OBJECTION TO CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. I TOLD HIM I DOUBTED USG WOULD WANT TO BE HELD TO ANY PARTICULAR TERMINOLOGY IN ANTICIPATION OF FREE EXPRESSION OF POPULAR WILL.

5. HAVE AGAIN SENT CHONA COPIES OF MULCAHY LATE AUGUST INTERVIEW ON USG POSITION ON ANGOLA.
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